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## ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM

Although there is widespread agreement that Wendell is having trouble with enforcement--of zoning, wetlands and health regulations in particular--town officials are unwilling to "lower the boom," as one put it.

Why? The reason is many officials, like townspeople, are undecided about exactly how they feel about tight enforcement: "Having enjoyed great freedom ourselves," they say, "in construction of our houses and sanitary facilities, is it right to clamp down on newcomers? And if we did, would that mean present homeowners would have to conform? Me too?

"Is that too high a price to pay for controlling new development?" they ask themselves.

One official, who asked not to be named, went so far as to say, "We've got members of the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen whose houses aren't up to code, who don't want to be up to code, and don't see why anybody else would want to be. They don't want to rock the boat."

Amid the lack of clear, outspoken leadership, the Post found one who felt unambiguous. Deb Radway, shared adminstrative assistant, agrees with the above description of the problem. "Even among the officials in charge of enforcement, there is indecision about enforcement," she said.

"There is an enormous problem in the building inspector department that needs to be rectified," she said. "It's got to be point-blank addressed, and not pussyfooted with." She said she thinks "The Board of Selectmen has got to take leadership in that. They're just as guilty of not wanting to lower the boom as anybody else."

A meeting on enforcement was held Jan. 6 between the selectboard, planning board, board of health and building inspector. Though some decisions were reached regarding trailer permits and lines of communication and authority, the meeting was unsatisfying to some of the participants. "I thought they were going to read the riot act to the building inspector," said one who was there. "That just didn't happen."

Lack of enforcement hurts the town financially and environmentally, says Radway. If the newly created values in the new construc-

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## VOTERS AGAIN TO BE ASKED WHETHER TO MOVE PRESCHOOL

Once again, Wendell residents will be asked to consider funding an addition to the Swift River School, to house the pre-kindergarten, this time at the February 26 special town meeting.

After carefully considering the matter and consulting the school committee, the building committee decided to ask the town to reconsider their October decision not to fund the addition, despite a motion approved at the third part of the October meeting which said that re-consideration of the move should wait until the annual town meeting. (That vote will function as a non-binding referendum according to Moderator Kathy Becker.) The committee decided to bring the matter back to the town before May because if the decision was postponed, the 80% state reimbursement and low interest Farmer's Home Administration loan would no longer be available.

The new pre-school, projected to cost $100,000, would be attached to the elementary school but have its own entrance and playground. After state reimbursement, the annual cost of the building would be $1084 for Wendell and $916 for New Salem, over a 20 year period. For a taxpayer whose home is valued at $50,000, this would mean about $3 a year.

Superintendent Len Lubinsky first suggested that the town reconsider moving the pre-school after he learned that proposed state regulations limiting the number of children per classroom could threaten state funding of the program (all schools must meet certain regulations to receive state aid). This year state funds paid the salaries for the teacher and aides, as well as some of the supplies and new carpeting for the building. The proposed regulations may also make it necessary to modify the original design for the addition, Lubinsky said.

After the pre-kindergarten addition was voted down in October, several school officials said they had not done a good job presenting the issue because they were so busy with the elementary addition. They had not looked into financial differences between the two sites or the capacity of the Wendell Center building to accomodate the increasing number of young children in the two towns. The committee plans to research these questions before the February 23rd Public Hearing on the addition (7:30 at the Town Hall) and present all points of view at both the hearing and the special town meeting.

Although the majority of people on

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## Special Town Meeting

FEB. 26, 1987 at 7:00p.m.

A Special Town Meeting will be held at the Wendell Town Hall on Feb. 26, at 7:00 p.m. As we go to press, the warrant for that meeting has not been set. Possible items of business include action on increased liability insurance premiums for the police dept., and increased premiums for general insurance and workmans comp.. Other possible items are increased dump expenses, winter maintenance expenses, and possible reconsideration of an article passed at a previous Special Town Meeting pertaining to the location of the Wendell Pre-School.

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# Letters

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To the Editor:

Last April I moved into Wendell anticipating being a member of a great community and of being able to contribute my energy and skills to strengthen the fabric of this community.

I have been working at the Trusteeship Institute, a non-profit organization located in Shutesbury. Our goals are to further the emergence of a global reality where each person has sufficient resources and freedom to pursue physical, mental, and spiritual growth. Our basic philosophy is that we approach all relationships with other individuals, the community, and nature lovingly and respectfully, and that we are grounded in the knowledge we are all interdependent.

Presently, we are engaged in a project to form a credit union in the Amherst area (inclusive of Wendell) whose purpose is to help fund worker owned business. The credit union would provide financing and business consulting. Our model for this is the Mondragon community founded by Father Arizmendi in the Basque country of Spain.

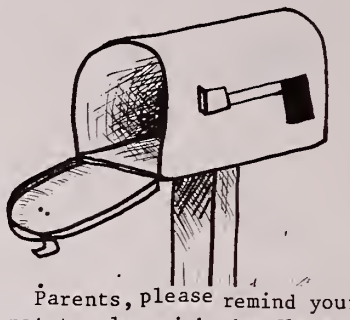
On Wed. February 25, at 7:30 pm I will be giving a presentation of this project at the Wendell Town Hall.

Included in this presentation will be a showing of slides from the Mondragon community and a discussion of how we as Wendellites can benefit from this project. I hope you can attend.

It is my belief that the credit union based on the Mondragon approach will help break the fears caused by economic and social isolation and strengthen the bonds of our community.

Oh yes! and by the way, refreshments will be served after the presentation.

Kiffer Sikes



Parents, please remind your children not to play with the flags on the mail boxes.

Dear Wendell Post,

I was talking to the editors and they suggested that I write a letter to you, introducing me and Ricky Greenwald to the folks. We've been in Wendell just over four months now, living out on Montague Road, watching the Federal houses go up. One of my friends from Santa Cruz just stopped over for the night, on his way to a new job. He said to me, "Why Wendell?" So I told him the story about how last fall we were looking for a place to live by driving around and leaving signs on the bulletin boards of towns we liked. "Oh, so you look for a place first and employment second, I like that," he said.

"Yeah, me too."

Ricky's lived in Franklin County for years now, working in schools and as a contra dance caller and a massage therapist and a cook and...

Me, I've been out in California for the past six years, though I am DC born. True love brought me and my cat east. Really, it's a fine life. I'm making a tender living using computer skills gained out west. Practicing being my own boss.

So Wendell's a great place. We ski in the State Forest when we have some spare time. Dance the local dances. Play volleyball in Amherst. Check out the Free library whenever it's open. Pleased to meet you.

Lisa Sieverts

## An Editorial: Taking Back The Reins!

The world -- at least the Massachusetts part of it -- seems engaged in a bid to solve all problems by higher and higher levels of bureaucracy or a thicker and thicker code of regulations. Wendell government is strained to the breaking point... and these forces don't help. Combined with a changing town population with higher expectations of service, they make what has always been a difficult job almost impossible. Over and over, the town is seduced by state incentives or forced by federal requirements; tied up in the reports, studies and other attached strings; and abandoned to the despair of jobs left undone.

New York City is said to be ungovernable, though one of the richest cities in the world. Wendell is one of the poorest towns in the Commonwealth, and under its mostly-volunteer system it's potentially ungovernable, too. The selectboard, which admittedly could do better about delegating authority, complains of a smothering workload that has it meeting more than once a week and has members complaining of personal burnout. This despite constant streamlining efforts that include a new photocopy machine, phone answering machine, electric typewriter, shared administrative assistant and some well-intentioned state programs for training, enforcement and assistance of all kinds.

The thorniest issues facing the town's elected policymakers and executors sometimes seem to be growing faster than they can be pruned: the need to protect against over-development; finding a site for the town garage; stricter code enforcement; how to afford large capital projects in the face of levy limits, tax assessment problems and already high taxes. The town sometimes seems paralyzed by worry over liability. Finally, interest in serving on boards and commissions has shrunk as new complexities tie the hands of these bodies and more residents commute to school and work.

It's risky to assume that given the present givens, decisions could be reached more efficiently. The truth is, both the process and the problems have become intimidating. You want to save an aquifer? (What's an aquifer?) Hire a hydrologist. (With what?) Submit a money article for town meeting. (Can we get it past Proposition 2½?) Maybe an open space plan is higher priority. Then we'll qualify for state help in buying conservation land. (Who'll attend the seminar on writing OSP's? Who's interested in doing research? Did we get any volunteers from the questionnaire? Can they get right to work?) Meanwhile, they've got a new site for the highway garage. (Has it been checked out with the board of health, the planning board and the conservation commission? They get 60 days to deliberate.) The chairman will be out of town for the next two meetings. Shall we dispense with reading the minutes and get to the mail?

This example of bogged-down decision-making is fabricated, but it gives a true feel or what it's like to slosh around in the marshes of 1987 small town government. The kinds of relief offered for officials caught in this dilemma often hurt as much as they help: training seminars (which consume precious time and tend to go obsolete), grants (requiring applications and coming with strings attached), shared administrative assistant programs (which introduce new communication channels and axiomatically increase the chance of foul-ups) ...a display case of new costs and complexities.

It's like auto pollution control: valves and tubes to balance other valves and tubes and devices; converters and precipitators for the combusters. Add and compensate. Never the question: is it possible to achieve the goal at all? (Whether of fast travel without pollution, or good town government in the waning days of pioneer-style free enterprise with the shots called largely from Boston and Washington).

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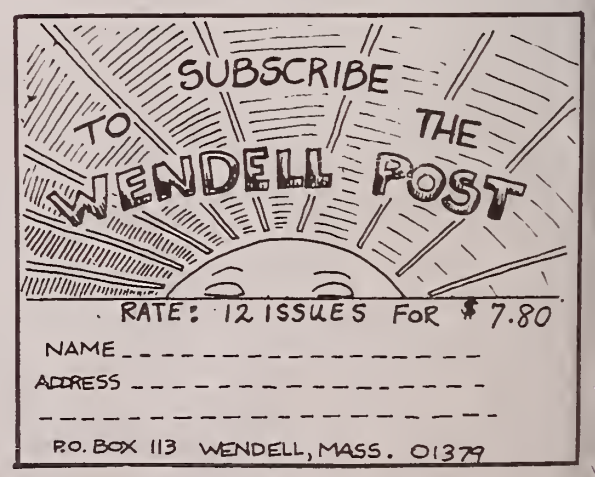


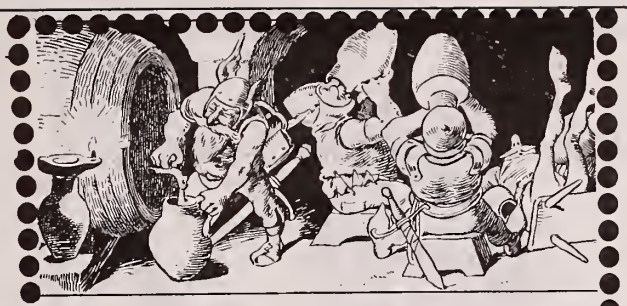
## Taking Back The Reins
### AN EDITORIAL, continued...

The Post believes in both cases the answer may be no: regardless of tinkering or adjustments, a system will only give so much, and in Wendell, government is so dictated by outside conditions it wears conscientious officials to a nub. What Wendell needs, more than paid planners or new studies, is to take the reins back from the state, back from private development. For example, a moratorium on new development would stabilize the situation for a community effort to rechannel development energy more constructively for the town. Landowners should be invited in to this open process, along with the planners, developers and public.

(Inevitably, dollar interests had to be balanced against community interests. For too long the private dollar has had a clear shot at planning Wendell. Now is the time to evolve a more responsive mechanism.)

And under these conditions, a policy direction of gradual detachment from those tempting state programs, a phased return to true town government, is also a matter of survival. The alternative seems to be escalation of the energy-sapping complexity and the constant threat of municial paralysis.

Some will say it can't be done. Yet initiatives by a small town west of here got most of the strings removed from road-building Chapter 90 money a few years ago. And 200 years ago, initiatives from small towns all around us obtained relief for overtaxed farmers organized under one Daniel Shays. It's time for risk again; this time to reassert the balance toward community self-government.



POST STAFF TEA

All current Wendell Post staff members and contributors are cordially invited to an afternoon tea on Sunday, March 22nd at 3 pm. at Teri Nelson-Koehler's, off Stone Road on Bear Mountain Road.

Readers having an interest in joining the Post or in some way helping are most welcome!

A regular editorial meeting will follow.

## Enforcement Prob continued...

tion don't get properly recorded and passed along to the assessors office, the tax burden is shared unfairly by a smaller group of people," she said. "It hurts the town's ability to raise money."

Besides, lax enforcement "hurts the town environmentally," she feels. "With as many environmentally concerned people as there are in Wendell, they've got to realize it's hurting their very environment by not enforcing zoning regulations."

Jonathan von Ranson

## Arch Street Bridge
### Revisited

The fate of the Arch St. Bridge and the adjacent South Bank of the Millers River rests in administrative limbo.

James Slavas, Wendell Selectman, claims that the application to the County to discontinue the road along the edge of the river on the South Bank awaits an accurate description, suitable for legal purposes, defining longitude and latitude.

Inquiries of William H. Rivers and Carroll A. Holmes of the Division of Forests and Parks Dept. of Environmental Management indicate that no decision has as yet been made on closing the bridge to vehicular traffic, except for special purposes; and they should welcome this limitation of access, were keys to be distributed to abutters and property owners, as well as the fire dept.

According to Theodore H. Lewis, Wendell Selectman, some interest in purchasing the Ahearne lot, which lies at the Wendell end of the bridge, was evinced by one of the men who had worked on the bridge project, but nothing is definite.

Charles T. Smith

## From The Treasurer's Desk

The outstanding building inspection fees are "no burning issue these days" for Town Treasurer, Doug Dawson. The reason is that the Selectmen have taken over the troublesome stack of nonnegotiable checks. The checks were part of a group turned in by the Building Inspector that had become uncashable due to their age. Treasurer Dawson inherited the responsibility for contacting persons to request issuence of new checks. Says he, "I was down to about 18 checks, and either didn"t know the people or they hadn"t responded when notified." The Selectmen believe they know most of the remaining persons, giving reason to hope for success in reclaiming these town revenues. No new building inspection fees have been submitted since the August turn over of funds by the Building Inspector.

Doug Dawson wryly notes that the Treasurer"s job has "invaded" his house. "My kitchen table is loaded, and everywhere I look. My home is not a place of refuge anymore." He admits that the job takes up more time than he expected. Doug says he feels good about helping out the town, yet he suggests that the time is near for changes in the way vital town business is conducted. He forsees difficulty in keeping or finding persons to fill positions such as treasurer "unless you find people who feel differently about their house than I do, or who don"t have to work. Otherwise something should be done quickly to make it into a job---maybe not a 40 hour a week job, but positions could be combined. There should be a job description, and the position advertised, a hiring process followed. A person's qualifications should be checked. There should be more than token payment---it should be a real job for somebody. And an office should be provided."

Kathy Becker

## Board of Health Member Asks us to Recycle!

That time of year is here when Board members thoughts turn to budget issues. Costs involved in running the town dump continue to increase due to a variety of factors including an increased volume of trash which one anticipates as the town grows and services a greater population. This coupled with rising costs for trash removal has resulted in real significant increases.

But there are measures that can be taken now to help curb this spiral and which are best accomplished if everyone participates and does their share. This is to recycle as much as possible.

With the addition of the recycling shed, built this past summer, we are now prepared to recycle more than we ever could before. Those items that we suggest you separate out and take to the dump for recycling include newspapers and magazines, and clear, green and brown glass.

These measures will help control expenses at the dump and in addition, it will impact positively on those broader environmental issues involved in waste disposal. The Board appreciates your anticipated cooperation.

Ginny Schimmel

## Open Space Program

Work on an open space plan for Wendell is progressing well, according to Neal Feltman, chair of the conservation commission. He expects the plan may be "polished and published by the end of the summer."

The commission has been helped by an infusion of money and new blood. "We received $3,000 in a grant to share with the planning board," he said, "and our own $1,000 grant to print the open space plan," he told the Post. "Charles (Smith), Mason (Phelps) and I are grinding it out every week." Phelps is new on the commission.

Since the planning board and the board of health must both comment on the plan, "This is forcing a healthy amount of communication among the boards," he observed.

The conservation commission wasn't invited to a meeting Jan. 6 with the other development-related town boards, and Feltman complained. "These days we do that when we're not included," he said.

A meeting was scheduled Jan. 26 with specialists in wetland and aquifer mapping at which both the planning board and the board of health were to be present, along with a representative from the selectboard. "Things are happening," he said. "I'm getting more encouraged." At one point, he said he was considering quitting. "You don't get anywhere by quitting, though," he said.

Jonathan von Ranson

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## Finance board

WENDELL — Daniel Keller has been appointed to the finance committee, replacing Harlan Gilbert who resigned last summer when he moved out of town.

Keller said he joined the committee because he heard members needed help, is good at math and is interested in town finances.

Keller makes documentaries for Green Mountain Post Films and also does accounting for that business. He lives with his wife, Nina, and their two children on Ross Road.

The committee is still seeking a fifth member.

# TOWN RELATED NEWS CLIPS

The following stories are reprinted from "The Recorder".

## DAN KELLER, STEVE GROSS FILL POSTS

By MARIANNE SUNDELL
Recorder Correspondent

WENDELL — Stephen Gross was appointed to the planning board, Tuesday night to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas Wetherby earlier this month.

Gross will have to run for the position in the May town election. There are four years remaining in Wetherby's term.

"The part of it that really interests me is the real planning and getting a sense of what the town wants," Gross told the planning board at Monday night. "It seems to be changing so quickly in an out-of-control fashion."

A family theraplst at the Franklin County Mental Health Association, Gross lives on Depot Road with his wife, Diane Kurinsky, and their three children: Kurinsky was also interested in the position so they have agreed that while he will be the official member, she will help him with the work.

Wetherby, who was board chairman and a member since 1981, said he had enjoyed working on the board but didn't find the time to do everything that needed to be done.

"We were so busy receiving maps we weren't finding the time to for long-term planning," he said. "I didn't have the free time to do it the way it should be done."

"Tom was committed and persevering," said selectmen's Chairman Michael Idoine. "Personally, I'm sorry that he's leaving, although I understand why he did."

Following Wetherby's resignation, the planning board elected Myron Becker its new chairman.

# BEATING THE WINTER BLUES

Some folks call it cabin fever, others, the winter blues.

Here are a few suggestions on trying to rise above both:

1. Try singing "I've Been Working On The Railroad" when you're handling your firewood. ("The Saints Go Marchin' In" is another good song for this occasion.)
2. Make yourself a cup of peppermint tea and get out the seed catalogs - draw a garden plan - maybe even get fancy and use magic markers.
3. Get out the glue and scissors and let the kids cut up the old seed catalogs to make a collage of their own garden fantasy.
4. Go outside for a walk and listen to the snow fall.
5. Take a hot bath scented with rosemary and mint, read in the tub, light a candle and incense, too.
6. Tape those albums you've been meaning to record since last summer. Trade albums with a friend.
7. Play cards, drink cider, eat popcorn and laugh at your opponents!
8. Cut hearts from construction paper. Hang them up. Make your own Valentines. Get mushy if you must!
9. String Cheerios on yarn for necklaces for you or the birds!
10. Read back issues of National Geographic.
11. Write a long lost friend a letter, include a recent snapshot.
12. Take a nap and don't get out of bed until Spring!

P.S. Remember to keep your sense of humor!

Mez

Welcome Spring!

Buy a Narcissus Bulb at a local florist and watch the magic of spring bloom before your eyes and fragrance your room. It's easy to do - put bulb in jar on top of rocks, add water and watch it root! It's a delight! Have fun and remember spring is just right around the corner!!!

# FULL MOON COFFEE HOUSE MUSIC SHEDULE:

Feb. 14
Julia Burrough

March 14
Peggy Morgan and Bet Phelan

April 11
Debbie Fish and the Blue Plate Special

May 16
Charlie King

# ARTS COUNCIL PROGRAMS

It's time for an update on the Wendell Arts Council. This funding cycle, which runs from Jan. to June 1987, two artists were approved. Ricky Greenwald is currently conducting a series of workshops at Swift River School. Ricky interweaves contradance activities with history, and his program seems particularly suited to the school's theme this year on American Myths and Legends. The other recipient of funds is Barbara Liberty. Barbara is a local fiber artist who will be creating a weaving for the town which will be on display upon completion. So...look for it!

A new program is being offered this year by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council. It is called PASS (Performing Arts Student Series). Through this program, tickets for performances of approved arts organizations are made available, Free, to school age children. Swift River School will be sending out a notice to parents. The "Saturday's Child" performances (sponsored by the Arts Council of Franklin County) of Dracula by the Bennington Puppets on Feb. 26 and also Goldilocks and the Three Bears by the Opera Express March 21 are possible choices.

Finally, we wish to thank Brenda for her past two years of service as a member of the Wendell Arts Council. Brenda resigned this fall and her position is being filled by Lynne Meryl. "Welcome, Lynne."

A reminder: Applications are available for next funding cycle which runs from Aug. through Dec. 1987. Any individual artist or organization may apply. Currently, our portion of funds from the Mass. Arts Lottery Council is $750 twice yearly. To receive an application, you can contact any of the arts council members (Anne Diemand, Pat Judice, Teri Nelson-Koehler, Lynne Meryl) or write or call Phyllis Lawrence, chairperson.

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# Route 2 Task Force

Since the last issue of the Wendell Post the Route 2 Task Force has held two more meetings: on December 10 and January 7, both at the Wendell Town Hall.

At the December 10th meeting the discussion of Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) continued. There was also more discussion on the so-called "Modified South Bank Alignment" which enters Wendell west of Farley and leaves Wendell just west of Wendell Depot. This alignment has been further refined by the consultants, but there was still vigorous objection to it by Farley (Wendell) residents who live there precisely because there is no highway near their homes.

An accident and safety study of the section of the present Route 2 through Erving which would be bypassed by the proposed new alignments was presented to the Task Force by Traffic and Transportation Engineer, Stephen H. Kaiser, PhD. This study was prepared for the Wendell Concerned Citizens. The study concludes that the present roadway is safer than the average of similar Massachusetts rural roads, so that there is no requirement for a new roadway based on safety considerations. The report also concludes that minor modifications to the present roadway would provide safety improvements similar to those provided by the two limited access alignments (South Bank and Low Profile) at less than one tenth the cost.

The January 7th meeting discussed the summary of a report prepared by Normandeau Associates concerned with MOEs which evaluate the natural system impacts of the new alignments. This report evaluates a number of small discrete impacts, like the effects of salt runoff, and concludes that each one causes essentially no damage, while ignoring the total overall effect of a high speed highway going through undeveloped forest land and separating it from one of its most important feature, the Millers River.

There was also more discussion and objection to the Modified South Bank Alignment mentioned above.

The next meeting will occur on January 28 at the Erving Town Hall well before this issue of the Post is published. Agenda includes items such as Socio-Economic, Public OPEN Space and Recreation, MOEs and further discussion of the Natural Systems MOEs.

At the present time there are two public information meetings scheduled for February 10th and 11th, discussing the South Bank and Low Profile Alignments respectively. At this time the location for these meetings is not known. If you have any comments or statements to make about either of these alignments this may be your last opportunity to do so before the Task Force Report is sent to Transportation Secretary Frederick Salvucci preparatory to making a decision on which alignment to pursue. It is important that as many people as possible attend these meetings. Equally important, please sign the attendance forms so that your presence will be recorded.

Jason Phelps

"This is the whole school in the summer with a rainbow," says artist Mara Gross of Swift River Pre-school.

## Open Discussion on Reincarnation

Dear Readers,

If you have questions, experiences, concerns about the reincarnation principal, come for an evening of discussion at the home of Clare Green on Mormon Hollow Road, Wendell. March 2, Monday from 7-9 pm. If you have any questions, call me at home, 544-7421.

See you then!

Sincerely,
Clare

## Poetry for Bear Mountain

This translation of words by Rainer Rilke says something of Wendell, and why many of us would save Bear Mountain.

Here, all sings the life of yesterday,
but not in a way that destroys tomorrow;
in their hardy primal powers, we sense
the wind and sky, the hand and bread.

It's not a proliferating past,
forever curbing these ancient contours:
it is the earth content with her own image
and consenting to her first day.

I'm pleased to be living with all of you here.

Peter Dichsen

(in the woods off Lockes Hill Road)

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## Quabbin Calendar

Good news for Quabbin lovers - The color lithographic firm of Magnani and McCormick of Enfield, Connecticut has once again made available through the "Friends of Quabbin", a superbly illustrated and limited edition 1987 calendar featuring 12 exquisite color reproductions of paintings by Quabbin's best known and popular artist, Frank Bly of Hardwick, MA.

The calendar is a most generous gift to the "Friends" by Magnani and McCormick. All proceeds will assist this non-profit volunteer organization in furthering its goals and objectives which are the preservation of Quabbin's pristine water and watersheds through public education programs, activities and exhibits centered at the MDC Quabbin Visitor Center located at Winsor Dam off Route 9 in Belchertown. For further information call the Center at 413-323-7221.

Frank Bly, a nationally acclaimed artist from Hardwick, was formerly on the staff of Norman Rockwell's FAMOUS ARTIST SCHOOLS of Westport, Connecticut. His paintings and prints are in private collections all over this country and abroad. Among the publications his work has appeared in are Yankee Magazine and Gray's Sporting Journal.

## Town Barn/Fire Station Plans

Representatives from eight architectural firms will be interviewed by town officials concerning town plans for the new highway garage/fire station beginning Feb. 10 at the town hall.

A list of questions and concerns were prepared by Wendell's selectmen and road commissioners and sent through the mail to these firms prior to this meeting.

It is, at this time, uncertain what land is available to build on. Ground must be broken by Spring 1987, in order not to lose our loan with Farmers Home Loan.

One of the main concerns surrounding the issue of the new town building is environmental protection. The current town barn was built in 1936, when little or no thought was given to protecting our future water supplies. Consequently, the area is becoming polluted with salt, oil and hydraulic fluid.

When the new facility is in operation, attempts will be made to try to localize pollution to make that site secure for ground water protection. The goal is to stop pollution before it travels any further by excavating a layer of soil and replacing it. The current site is an environmentally wet area.

The new site will have storage tanks to contain the salt, oil and hydraulic fluid.

Mez Davis

## Thankyou, Mrs. McAvoy!

Many thanks to Mrs. McAvoy for her collection of Wendell related newspaper clippings that date back to 1971. The "Wendell Post" recieved this collection, and will use examples of these clippings from time to time, as indeed, they are fascinating to read.

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# Posting Place

POLICE LOG

12-12-86 One car accident on Mormon Hollow Rd. No injuries.
12-14-86 Justin Streeter on New Salem Rd. reported Christmas tree stolen from property.
1-9-87 Bill Golding on Lockes Village Rd. reported loose dog killing chickens
1-10-87 Bill Golding reported loose dog killing chickens.
1-13-87 One car accident on Farley Rd. No injuries.

1-27-87 Two car accident on Jennison Rd. No injuries.
1-28-87 Two car accident on New Salem Rd. No injuries.
1-30-87 State and local police executed a search warrant on Cooleyville Rd. Three subjects aressted for drug violation.

FIRE LOG

12-5-86 Joyce Evans residence on Stone Rd.
12-13-86 Rubble fire on Kempfield Rd. Don bender's.
12-15-86 Debris fire on Kempfield Rd. Don Bender's.
1-18-87 Samuel Pellellicane residence on New Salem Rd. Partition fire.
1-21-87 Chimney fire at Tom Manley residence on Locks Hill Rd.
1-24-87 Stovepipe fire at Matthew Blueth residence on Locks Village Rd.

LAND TRANSFERS

6-20-86 Kathy Sandlin & Sherry Silver to Kathy Sandlin. 1.50 acres. Farley Rd
6-25-86 John J.Sullivan & Barbara E. Wight

6-25-86 John J. & Barbara E. Sullivan to Erik C. Wight & Paul E. White. 3/8 acre in Wendell Center.
7-10-86 James P. Fleury to Douglas L.Dahl &Debaura A. Dahl. 5.077 acres on Bullard Pasture Rd.
7-17-86 Brian J. Merrick & Martha Lynn Ready to Martha Lynn Readt. 13 acres & Buildings on Farley Rd.
8-15-86 Charles H. & Judith Ann Shaw to Christopher B. Rollins & Laura M. Cohen. 4.13 acres.
7-23-86 Stephen W. Cawley to Todd F. Sunderland. 2.50 acres and building.
8-19-86 Leo L. Jones to Kenneth Simmons & Anne L. Averill. 2.19 acres & bldgs.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On Wed. February 25 at 7:30 pm Kiffer Sikes will give a presentation on a Credit Union to support worker owned businesses for the Wendell community. (See letter to the editor) Refreshments served.

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Mallory Kubicek greets her newly adopted Korean baby, Harper, Dec. 16, 1986. The new father is "Chief" of the Outer Space Band.

# Wendell Old Home Day

It's that time of year again. Starting to think about spring always makes me think of summer and Wendell Old Home Day! The date has been set for July 11th. We will have the usual (can that word really apply to us?) parade for children of all ages - is there anything anyone would like to do to jazz it up? Outerspace will be there in full force. The Golden Agers have been busy making hand-crafted items all winter long. Myron's No. 1 Yakieori promises to be here along with the Diemand Chicken B-B-Q to be enjoyed by all. There are many minds working to make this coming Old Home Day special. If you would like to join in the fun of preparing for our town's annual celebration of itself please call Anne Marie - 4-6111, Teri Anne - 4-7446, Lisa Anne - 4-7636, or Kathy Ann - 4-2086. We are looking forward to hearing from you, your ideas, suggestions and energy is appreciated! Be sure to mark this date on your calendar, NOW.

# DANCE IN WARWICK

The Warwick Arts Council will hold a dance at the Warwick Town Hall on Saturday, March 7, 1987 from 8-11pm. Live music will be performed by the local dance band, Red, Hot & Blue. They are a rockin' soul band and a good time will be had by all. There will be a cover charge and refreshments will be available.

Keep on the lookout for another dance to be held at the Wendell Town Hall with Red, Hot & Blue and Judy & The Jets!

Doug Huntington

# Births

Congratulations to:

Mallory and Chief Kubicek, parents of a baby girl, Sarah Harper Hoyun Kubicek, who arrived December 16 weighing 9 lb. 6 oz. She was born September 6 in Kwangjoo City, Junnan Province, South Korea.

Chief, Mallory and Harper are currently residing at 1302 Carrollton Avenue, Ruxton, Maryland 21204. The Kubiceks return to Wendell on occasion when Chief joins the Outerspace Band for its annual summer re-union tour.

Nancy Cole and John Brill on the birth of their son, Kolya Francis Brill, born at home on January 17 and weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. Nancy's sister, Deva, did a great job standing in for the midwife who was not able to make it in time. Kolya's Aunt Sandy from Costa Rica; Aunt Mary Jane from Atlanta, Ga.; and Grandfather Cole from North Carolina all witnessed the birth.

# ★ IMPORTANT DATES ★

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| Special Town Meeting | Feb. 26 |
| Nomination Papers Due | Mar. 23 |
| Last Day to Register to Vote | Apr. 14 |
| Election | May 4 |

The following Town positions expire in May. Anyone interested in running for any of them may take out papers from Town Clerk Anna Hartjens. They must be filed with her by 5 pm March 23. Town elections are May 4.

Selectboard
Michael Idoine

Board of Assessors
Gail Bardsley

School Committee
Linda Facey

Library Trustee
Sylvia Wetherby
Marion Herrick

Board of Health
David Wilder

Planning Board
Myron Becker

Cemetery Commission
Minnie Bacigalupo

Moderator
Kathy Becker

Town Clerk
Anna Hartjens

Treasurer
Doug Dawson

Tax Collector
Judith Wilder

Board of Registers
Inez Lewis

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# Far Away Events Again Raise Trash Issue For Wendell

Last Wednesday, January 21, a front page article in the Springfield Republican reported the closing of the Chicopee landfill owned by J.F. Partyka Co. to which Wendell, some other towns and industries have been shipping their trash. Some factories are closing temporarily as the only method available to them to keep trash and hazardous waste from building up around their operations. Wendell was fortunate in finding another landfill in Granby, also owned by J.F. Partyka Co., that can accept our trash temporarily with a tipping fee of $59.00 per ton of compacted trash and $20.00 a yard for material from the open top. That figure is up from the $36.50 per ton of compacted trash, and $8.00 a yard for material from the open top dumpster that we have been paying since July, and the $26.50 fee we were promised when we joined HERCO. We have been promised credit for the difference between what we have been paying and the guaranteed figure of $26.50 per ton; that figure is guaranteed until September 1989, or until HERCO is officially abandoned.

The HERCO project has been halted by the state DEQE, and is currently appealing that decision; if the appeal is denied, HERCO could be officially abandoned 30 days later and Wendell will lose its guaranteed fee, and possibly even a place to send its trash.

From July to December, Wendell dumped 112 tons at the rate of $36.50 per ton or a cost of $3988; that works out to about 280 lbs. of compacted trash per person for half the year or ¼ ton of compacted trash per person per year, or $9.00 per person per year. The sticker fee of $5.00 per household does not cover that, and with the new rate of $59.00 per ton the sticker fee is that much more inadequate.

In a letter to the selectmen dated last Wednesday, Deb Radway, the town administrative assistant, recommended that we institute a policy of mandatory recycling, and perhaps investigate a mandatory recycling bylaw in the annual town meeting. I personally would not want to enforce a recycling bylaw, as I do not enjoy sifting through garbage, although I believe in recycling and usually separate my own trash.

Recycled glass is hauled away at no cost to the town. When we first started recycling only clear glass was accepted, but now colored glass is also accepted.

Like recycling, composting would reduce the amount of trash we need to ship out and also make the trash we do send less appealing to pests. A proper compost pile is easy to operate and offers no health hazzard or smell. It generates enough heat to kill pathogens and produces a fertile garden dressing. In Wendell where every house has natural ground nearby it makes more sense for each household to have its individual compost pile than for the town to take that job as some cities do. As with recycling, the difficult part of composting is separating one material from the rest of the trash, which must be done in each household as the material is produced.

Storage of glass for recycling can be more of a nuisance than storage of compost, and may require building or buying a place to hold the glass between dump trips. As the cost of hauling and dumping trash elsewhere goes up, the relative expense of this nuisance will shrink, the fact that one cost is borne by the town changes nothing. Jesse Wetherby of the board of health estimates that if HERCO is eliminated our tipping fee will increase to $75.00 a ton for compacted trash, assuming we have a place to send it at all.

Our trash problem is not simple, and has no comfortable solution in sight. Wendell is not alone and even has been ahead of other communities in facing the problems that face everyone. We are learning that the cost of anything we do includes the cost of dealing with the waste products, and if we do not pay those costs now, we or our children will pay them later, probably with interest.

Joshua Heinemann

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"Dear Santa..."Anne Diemand and daughter, Tessa Rose at Wendell Ladies Aid Christmas party.

# You can get the things you need At the Store

I've done quite a bit of thinking about the Country Store in the past few weeks. I have observed closely what takes place during an average day, any day, every day. Secretely, I keep hoping that Anne doesn't sell. I guess that's selfish and not in hoping for the best for Ann, but what if the new owners don't understand the way of life in Wendell, what if they don't care? In the past, "the good old days", a country store was important to it's community, more than just a store. It was a gathering place for neighbors to meet over a cup of hot coffee and a donut to discuss gardens, weather,town politics, fishing, hunting; to catch up on all the local news. It was a central clearing house for all that goes on in a town, a place to meet old friends, and make new ones. You could leave a message and be sure the intended person would recieve it. Why, you didn't even have to place an order because whoever was behind the counter not only knew you by you first name, but knew what you were going to have. When, God forbid, tragedy struck it was a rallying place for neighbors to meet to help neighbors. It all sounds familiar, doen't it? That's what Ann Zak and the Wendell Country Store is today. I'm in the Country Store almost every day. I look forward to seeing and talking with my friends and neighbors. The coffee is always ready and hot. The telephone rings- "Two pieces of grilled ham and toast"- like clockwork. One might become concerned if that call didn't come or if Mark didn't have his mocha, or if Kathy didn't come in smiling from head to toe, or if Joe was smiling, or if Bob ever raised his voice. It is a tradition and has been throughout the years. I shudder to think what a difference it would make to Wendell if the Countyr Store ceased to exist and Doug and Bruce never played a few bluegrass tunes once in a while. Ann has always been willing to help on a personal level as well a community level. Candy...well the Country Store wouldn't be the same. Each and every person I know at the Country Store has enriched my life in one way or another. That's valuable. I want to thank each and every one of you, those I mentioned and those I didn't, for being just who you are because together you have made Wendell a good place to live where people are neighbors and always willing to help. These are "the good old days".

Richard Alves

## Short Answers

## American Revolution

1. No. Black powder made such dense smoke it was hard to see.
2. Benedict Arnold in his attack on a "Hessian" fort recieved serious leg wounds.
3. Branywine. Gen. Howe fooled Washington into opposing Hessians at the ford while he (Howe) circled our right flank.
4. Surrender at Cornwallis at Yorktown.
5. A disaster for us.
6. Yes, a Christian tribe in western Mass.
7. An Irishman, Tim Murphy, member of Morgan frontier riflemen.
8. Attacker.
9. Jane McCrane.
10. Alexander Hamilton, later first Sec. of Treasury.
11. Went as fast as possible to retirement at Mt. Vernon.
12. John Paul Jones, born in Scotland.

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# Broadus Mitchell

## Hamilton Expert, Good Roofer

For about fifty years of summers Wendell has been home to one who is illustrious as an author, historian and economist - one who is also known for his kindness, his unselfishness and willingness - in fact eagerness to help others.

The best authority on Alexander Hamilton and his shaping of much of our fiscal system, he is a treasure house of encyclopedic knowledge of the countless human details, the struggles, the failures and triumphs that make history come alive. In addition to his many books, he writes articles for historical publications. Many persons have read the historical gems that he has contributed to the Wendell Post and that are available at the Wendell Library.

Broadus Mitchell's tho'tfulness of others all thru the years is exemplified by his insistence on helping a Wendell friend in building a house. With hammer in hand he insisted on helping, working up on the ridgepole where there was as yet no roof, only yawning chasm between the rafters. Having built a barn, a garage and also a playhouse for his grandchildren, he seeme as at home with tools as with books. When a friend needed poles for rebuilding a pen for a pet dog he immediately, without being asked, cut some and brought them over, at the door with cheery words, also helping in rebuilding the pen. When another friend was ill he appeared at the door with the cheery words, "Lawn mowing detail reporting for duty", tho he was due to fly to Madison, Wisconson the next day to appear on the Town Meeting on the Air.

Added to this, his talents as a gardener are legend, as are his culinary accomplishments. A number of his friends have been recipients of one of his favorite recipes, southern corn bread, at its best, just out of the oven, hot.

In the twenties he was instrumental in providing summer courses at Bryn Mawr for those who wanted but had been denied the opportunity. There was a reunion of that group in 1986, which was shown on TV and in which Broadus Mitchell and Esther Peterson took part, telling the history and the purpose of that wonderful summer.

In these last few days his friends have been saddened by the completely unexpected death of his wife, Louise, only a few days before their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

His many friends look forward to his coming home to Wendell in the spring as he plans to do.

The fact that two of his former students came all the way across the country this last summer, as on other occasions, too, to visit him is indicative of the affection that endured over the years for one who care about others, who is tolerant of other views, who, in fact, loves humanity and humanity just naturally loves him back.

Marion Herrick

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# Burt Goddard

## Finds the Best Water

Water. We all drink it, cook with it, wash with it, and if you've ever lived without a well of your own, appreciate it more than most folks.

There is a man, a dowser, with great native knowledge of Wendell who was blessed with the gift to find water with a divining rod. Rupert Goddard of Main St. has been dowsing for over 30 years. He has used apple wood or peach, maple, any branch from a tree that looks and feels right. Mr. Goddard began dowsing to locate a water vein for himself on Jennison Rd. He hit water when he began digging, sure enough. Since then he has dowsed hundreds of pieces of land in and around Wendell and struck water everytime, and, sure enough, he hit water on our land 4 years ago and I saw that stick move!!

Rupert says that sometimes the pull was so strong it could "take the hide right off your hand." He dowses because he "gets a kick out of it."

Rupert Goddard was born in Royalston and moved to New Salem Rd. in Wendell when he was 4 years old. He has lived in his current home for 25 years, recalling that it was the site of Wendell's first gas station and also housed a grocery store. In the 1930's you could buy 8-10 gallons of gas for less than a $1.00.

Mr. Goddard lives with his two dogs, Mindy and Ben. He has been Wendell's Police Chief, an assessor and was dog officer for 15 years. One resident who has lived in Wendell herself for over thirty years describes Rupert as a quiet man with a great love for animals. She tells of times when he took care of countless dogs, feeding them and keeping them from straying onto the streets, and coaxing dogs that would come to no one else. He has a gentle way with animals.

Mr. Goddard tells of his work as a construction foreman, a sawyer and most fondly, a horse man, breaking in and working horses.

He remembers Wendell having many small farms and people in town raising chickens, cows and horses for themselves. He has seen many changes in our town and speaking wisely adds, "people need to grow their own food in the future."

At age 72, arthritis doesn't allow Rupert Goddard to get out and bushwack much to dowse. He still finds 3-4 veins ayear and says, "I don't brag about it, I just do it." He seems satisfied scientists are acknowledging the gift of dowsing. And in the cold of winter Rupert Goddard hopes to get a pony or two in the spring. We all thank him for finding us water. Well, well, well ...this is the best water I ever tasted!!

Mez Davis

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# ? ? ? ? ? ? Mitchell's QUIZ

AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1. Did red uniforms make the British easy targets?
2. The Battle field of Saratoga has a monument to a leg. Why?
3. What was perhaps the low point of G.W. generalship?
4. The high point?
5. We invaded Canada, 1775-6. Any success?
6. Did any Indians fight on our side?
7. The man said to be the best shot in our army?
3. "Mad Anthony" Wayne was
   - A good commander?
   - A celebrated attacker?
   - A strong general for discipline?
   - Was half Indian?
9. Her murder by Burgoyne's Indians brought many New Englanders to defeat Burgoyne. Her name?
10. G.W. had 32 aids in all in 8 years of war Whom did he call "My principal confidential aide?"
11. Numerous victorious generals in history made themselves dictators. What did G.W. do when peace was achieved?
12. Who was our most famous naval commander?

ANSWERS PG. 7

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# Wendell Music Scene

As we enter the last three years of the 1980's, the case for a strong local and regional music is stronger than ever. Much of the big moves that makes music nationally famous is based on safe bets and cheap tricks in a game in which it often seems the performers with the most media chips (ie, TV, and radio exposure) wins the prize. Thus, it's not too surprising that one of the hottest groups nationally of 1986 was the Monkees, a group whose twenty year old recycled tv shows made them the perfect pop vehicle for these MTV times.

But, locally and regionally, there are plenty of talented people with less media clout who've been "busy singin' " so to speak, and while no one of them have thier own tv show, they're all worth checking out either live or on record.

Wendell's own Wendell Recording Studio continues to grow in reputation and versatality. They've recently added an automated console and a digital two track recorder to thier ever updated facilities, and have also built a new lounge and editing room above the main control room. Many projects are either in progress or are near completion as of this writing. Local folk faces Pat & Tex recorded much of the new LP "Home" there That's in the stores now. Paradise City Jazz Band Live also completed an as-yet unreleased album. Other projects include tapes from Boston's bluegrass band Southern Rail, local pianist Tom McClung and a tape of music geared for children by Judith Ann-Marie. Engineering for many of these projects has been handled by former Clean Living guitarist Rick King and Tonia Nestico of Warwick.

Klondike Sound looks forward to another busy year in '87. They've recently expanded not only the Bear Mountain shop but also opened an outlet in Portland, Maine to better serve that area. Klon's been doing shows with Wynton Marsalis, one of the hottest players in jazz currently, as well as a flurry of Tom Rush concerts. Work is also in progress on a possible tour of the Soviet Union with folksinger David Mallet, for sometime in early spring.

There's plenty of live music around to warm up with on the chilly nights ahead. Scat vocalist Lynne Meryl and bassist Dave Werterman will be playing Saturday nights in February at the Depot Restaurant in Northampton with Tom McClung. Also look for them performing with the Sun Ensemble at L'Oasis a new club in the basement of Thorne's Market also in Northampton. And they continue to entertain Friday nights at the Golden Lemon in Holyoke with Nat Needle at the piano With Nat Neddle the emphasis is on jazz standards while the Sun Ensemble will play a more improvised stlye.

Nat Needle also serves up his blend of the American classical music fo Gerschwin and Cole Porter, and jazz and blues standards by Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Hoagey Carmicheal and others at Sze's Chinese Rest. in Northampton on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 10:30 . He's also at the Hotel Northampton on Saturday nights and will be doing some special shows there with a three member cabaret group.

The Wendell Coffeehouse series continues on the Saturday night closest to every full moon at the town hall in Wendell. Recent shows by Molly Scott and Court Dorsey's cabaret group have been sellouts. Look for the long awaited return of Julia Burrough's on Febuary 14th. The shows also include a wild array of open mike performers.

In the more electric style, look for Doug Huntington's Red,Hot and Blue to play for a dance party on the last Saturday night in Febuary. The band includes Bob Rosser, Tonia Nestico, Eric Von Ronson, Peter Waters and David Boatwright. Wailin' Dave continues to blast the blues at area night spots with his band the Blue Dogs. Heartsong's One Seed has become a local favorite with its Grateful Dead oriented progressive rock.

Loose Caboose endured many personnel changes during 1986 but continues to rock its reggae throughout the area, most recently at Pearl Street. The current lineup includes Ras Jahn Bullock, Jonathon Dorr, Andrew Dickinson, Derrick andYoshi. Guitarist David Boatwright has teamed with ex-Caboosers Micheal Miller and Awoli on a tape for release later this year.

Mike Tretter and Pliny Stebbins recently expanded Dynamite Records in Northampton by opening a bookstore at 77 Pleasant St. In addition to a lot of great new and used books you can find one of the largest selection of classical records in the Valley at the store. And check Dynamite Records still in Thorne's Market for the best in jazz, blues, rock in roll, folk, reggae, women's, international, comedy and more records, tapes and compact discs. They also carry probably the largest selection in the area of local musicians music.

David Boatwright

## PRESCHOOL FROM pg 1

both the school and building committees support building the addition, two other plans are also being put forth. Some people still feel the pre-kindergarten should remain in Wendell because they believe a small, separate space is more appropriate for your children. Emma Cappelluzzo and Claire Stewart who are both teachers and very knowledgeable about education, say many studies have been done which would support their position. Others say the program should be moved, but feel the new elementary addition will be large enough to house the pre-kindergarten for several years and think we should wait until we are certain that another addition is needed. Supporters of this point of view include Joe Diemand, Jeff Willard, and Lynda Graves from New Salem.

Other reasons people are supporting moving the program include: while it is in Wendell, New Salem children arrive ½ hour later, leave ½ hour earlier, and spend more time on the bus than Wendell children; additional support systems at the elementary school would be helpful to the pre-school teachers, especially during emergencies; the program would be less vulnerable to being cut out of the town budgets if it were at Swift River; New Salem residents want to move the program and may not want to support repairs to a building owned by the town of Wendell.

Whether the town should have been asked to reconsider the move at a special town meeting or the annual town meeting has also generated differences of opinion among committee members. The building committee's vote to seek the funds this month passed by a narrow margin of 4 to 3 at their Jan. 29th meeting with Emma, Claire, and Lynda favoring a delay until May.

Marianne Sundell

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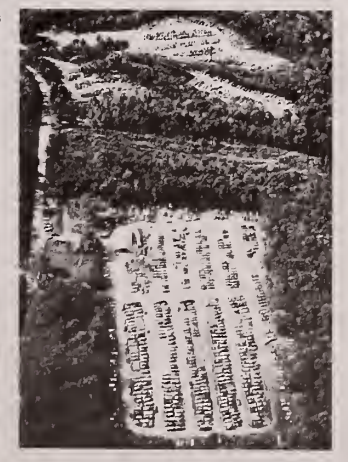

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# Selectmen's Minutes

December 16, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 with full Board present.

Signed weekly warrants.

The Town Custodian informed the Board that she does not want to receive monies from rentals of the Town Hall. She had a problem recently and does not want to take the chance of it happening again. She said most of the time everything runs smoothly, but requests the Board make other arrangements for the taking of the money.

The Board will publicly advertise for an architect to design and oversee the building of the Garage/Fire Station. Deb Radway Submitted forms to be completed by the architects which are necessary for all Towns building new buildings.

Chair Idoine moved to adopt MGL Chapter 7, Section 30L.
Selectman Lewis seconded.

The Board adopted the following rules and regulations to govern the designed selection process required by MGL CH.7, Sect. 30L.

1) Definitions
All words defined in MGL Ch. 7 Section 30B and 39A and used in these rules and regulations shall have the meanings set forth therein unless the context is which they are used clearly requires a different meaning, or a different definition is prescribed in the text.

2) Selecting Authority
The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to select a designer for any project subject to the provisions of MGL Ch7, Section 30L.

The Board signed all renewed Class 3 and general licenses.

Kenny Wing requested his Class 3 license be increased from the 12 car limit to 50 car limit. The Board scheduled a meeting date for Feb. 3rd.
The Board will contact DEQE for general guidence in enforcing licensing for Class 3. There request will be for information on regulation and proceedures for class 1, 2, & 3 licenses. After receiving the information the Board will set up an informational hearing for all Class 3 license holders in Wendell.

A meeting with the building Inspector, Board of Health and the Planning Board is set for January 6, 1987.

Raymond Avery is appointed to the Council on Aging, replacing Galdys Powling whom resigned earlier this year.

The Board discussed a bill received for the Road Commission.
The Board discussed putting up no parking signs to discourage parking on the road obstructing the way of the snow plow. They also discussed towing.
The Board received a letter from Janet Burnstein , Planning Board member requesting that the two Boards meet before any Town Meetings.
The Selectmens Clerk informed the Board that she will not be at the next two meetings.

Meeting adjourned 9:45

COMPLETE CAR REPAIR
ED FARMER'S GARAGE
SO. MAIN ST.
WENDELL, MA.
BUS: 617-544-7026
GENERAL REPAIRS ON CARS & TRUCKS

January 6, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 with fullBoard present. Signed weekly warrants.

Phyllis Lawrence reserved the Town Hall for January 26th and March 2nd. for Wendell Cub Scouts.

Lynne Meryl was appointed to the Wendell Arts Council replacing Brenda Vincent.

Meeting with Planning Board, Board of Health, and the Building Inspector.
present were:
Raymond Avery, Myron Becker,- Planning Board
David Wilder - Board of Health
Harold Burnett - Building Inspector
The three Boards discussed the future of Wendell, regulations and how to enforce those regulations and who should enforce them.
They discussed the increasing responsibility of the Building Inspector.

All Boards agreed an information booklet for new land owners should be drawn and an application for building should be developed which require all three boards approval signatures.

The Board discussed progress on the HERCO 20 year incinerator contract. The contract was signed in 1986 at $28.00 per town.

The Board voted unaminously to enter into a executive session.
In executive session the Board discussed progress on the purchase of the Powling land. The Powlings attorney contacted Town Counsel and offered to reimburse the Town for costs incured while persuing the lot.
The Board discussed options for the Town.
1) Negotiate
2) Pursue sale which may take years
3) Sell land back to Powlings with expenses
4) Sue
The Board decided to get more information from Town Counsel regarding time frames on the options.
Executive session ended at 10:06.

Andrew Hamilton inquired about a car repair license . The Board requested the Clerk get information on the specifics of his request.
Meeting adjourned 10:10

January 13, 1987
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 with Chair Idoine present. Also present was Deb Radway. Selectman Lewis arrived at 7:30.
The Board received eight proposals from architects for the HighwayGarage/Fire Stati Station Building.

1) Joseph Matte and Assoc.
Greenfield, MA complete
2) Baily Clard Architects
Newton, MA. no fee breakdown
3) Architects Incorporated
Northampton, MA complete
4) Taskin Consulting Engineers
Reading MA complete
5) Donald F. Williams
Greenfield MA complete
6) Bednarski-Stein Architects Inc.
Greenfield MA complete
7) Reinhardt Assoc. Inc.
Springfield MA no fee breakdown
8) Dietz and Company Inc.
Springfield MA complete

The Board, Fire Station and Road Commission will review the proposals and choose three for interviews.
FmHA interest rates changed from 6% to 5% as of January 1st 1987. The Town is guaranteedmonies for the Garage.Fire Station project as long as the Application is in by the deadline. The pre-application has been accepted by FmHA.

Dan Keller is a potential finance Committee member. Deb Radway asked him if he would consider becoming an Assessor. Chairman Idoine will speak with Finance Committee and Dan Keller regarding the position he will fill.
Chair Idoine requested the Treasurer verify figure on the Cherry Sheet to the figures in his books. The treasurer informed the figures were the same.

John Ingress requested the use of the Town Hall every Friday through January.
The Board will get back to him.

Meeting adjourned.

January 20, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 with full Board present.
Charles Winn from Kimbell Cook discussed with the Board the Towns insurance budget for fiscal 88. The renewal is estimated at 25 108.
The Board requested a transfer of $ 679 from the reserve account to the Land Acquisition Account for surveying the Powling lot.

Myron Becker Planning Board member informed the Board that Thomas Wetherby Chairman of the Planning Board resigned as of December 31st. Myron Becker is the new Chairman. Steve Gross will fill Thomas Wetherbys term.

Myron Becker requested the Board write the Attorney General asking him to grant the Planning Board a grace peroid for sending the By-laws voted in on the October 16th special Town Meeting. Any By-laws voted in at a TownMeeting must be submitted to the Attorny General for approval.
The board will contact the Attorney General

Andrew Hamiltons license application for car repairs on wheel was denied until the Board receives infromation from DEQE informing them of regulations and proceedures for such licenses.

Cheryl Richardson informed the Board that Mahars budget for the 87/88 fiscal year went up 7.1%. Approximately 28 000.

The Board discussed the architects proposals for the Fire Station/Town Garage project with Fire Chief Ricketts,Road Commissoners Joseph Hartjens Rick Drohen and Alan Walsh.
The choices for interviews are as follows:

Road Commission;
1) Morton Buildings
2) William Austin
3) Bednarski-Stein Architects

Fire Chief;
1) Bednarski-Stein Architects
2) Architects Inc.
3) Donald F. Williams Architect

Selectboard;
1) William Austin
2) Dietz and Company
3) Joseph Matte and Assoc.
4) Bednarski-Stein Architects Inc.

Chair Idoine suggested brainstorming for a list of questions and requirments for the interviews with the architects.
The list included : An agent for the Town on the site ( clerk of works) ; time schedules ; fee schedules etc;

Meeting adjourned 10:00

NOTES FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Beginning immediately, TownHall Custodiar Delores Williston will no longer collect rent for Town Hall use. This must be arranged with the Selectboard at our regular Tuesday meetings.

At that time a receipt shall be issued which you must have to be loaned the key to the Town Hall. This loan and the keys return must be arranged only with Mrs. Williston four days before the event.

If you have any questions about these changes, please bring them to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Howarth, Clerk to Selectboard